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COPY NO. 37PROPOSED NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL INTELLIGENCE DIRECTIVE NO. 4NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE OBJECTIVES

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 102 (d)(5) of the National Security Act of 1947 and for the purpose of providing intelligence support for the preparation of studies required by the National Security Council in the fulfillment of its duties, it is directed that:

1. The Central Intelligence Agency, in collaboration with the other agencies concerned, shall prepare a comprehensive outline of national intelligence objectives applicable to foreign countries and area to serve as a standard guide for the coordinated collection and production of intelligence.
2. Further, the Central Intelligence Agency, in collaboration with the other agencies concerned, shall select from time to time and on a current basis sections and items of such outline which are believed to have a priority interest to departmental planners and to the National Security Council. These selections shall be submitted to the Executive Secretary of the National Security Council for consideration and comment by him and by appropriate departmental officials. With such comment attached or incorporated, these selections will be issued by the Director of Central Intelligence to supply the desired priority guidance for the production of intelligence by the Central Intelligence Agency and to govern the contributions to such production by other agencies concerned.

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